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In re Application of:

James E. CURRY, et al.

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SYSTEM AND APPARATUS



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated June 22, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections.

REMARKS

The following issues are outstanding in the present application:

-- Claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Interview Summary

Applicants' representatives thank the Examiner for the courtesy and consideration extended during the personal interview conducted on June 3, 1999.

During the interview, Applicants' representatives requested reconsideration of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants' representatives pointed out that the Minami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,555,310, hereinafter, Minami) did not disclose motivation to "impart" any spatial components on a single utterance or to combine the teachings of cited references. In addition,